

EVANS RESPITED

THE GOVERNOR DEFERS HIS EXECUTION TWO MONTHS

The Governor Sustained by the Council of State, Gives His Reasons—Time Decried to Thoroughly Investigate Certain Features of the Case—The Complete Identification Questioned—The Conviction Secured Under Such Great Excitement as to Justify Delay

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., November 24.—Governor Russell today respite John Evans of Rockingham, convicted of criminal assault upon Miss Cole, until January 26th.

The governor gives the following reasons for respiting Evans:

"This case demands serious and thoughtful investigation. Out of four other like cases that occurred in this state during this year, one of the culprits escaped before arrest; two were hanged by the courts and one by a mob. In the two convictions there was no reasonable doubt of guilt, and the probabilities are that the mob got the right man. Here comes a case where a friendless wretch has been put on trial in a community fevered with excitement and indignation, justly aroused by the commission of a crime for which the perpetrator ought to suffer death. There were excellent men on the jury; but no jury can be expected to deliberate and weigh evidence uninfluenced by the spirit pervading the community. It is possible that a jury of like character in a different community would have rendered a different verdict upon this same evidence, and it remains to be seen whether the jurors in this case may or may not change their opinion upon mature consideration under quieter circumstances. Evidence directly material to the question of the prisoner's guilt has been produced since the trial. It is urged that the identification of the prisoner was incomplete and unsatisfactory; that an alibi was completely proven by witnesses of both races, and that admitted facts of the case strongly indicated that the perpetrator of the crime was familiar with the habits of the prosecutrix in walking along that certain path, at that certain hour when the crime was committed; that the prisoner could not have known these things, because he was virtually a stranger in town; that he had only been there once inside of a year and, hence, it is most unlikely that he should have known the prosecutrix or been familiar with her habits. As to the truth of these allegations, no opinion is expressed, but they come from sources so worthy of consideration as to demand time for close scrutiny and thoughtful investigation."

"It further appears from documentary evidence that there is a sentiment to the effect that, aside from the guilt or innocence of this prisoner, it would be best for the county that the sentence of the court be at once executed. This sentiment cannot be prevailing among just or Christian people except as a result of temporary ebullitions of passions provoked by frightful outrages."
"In granting postponement of this execution, the executive is sustained by the council of state, by prominent citizens of Richmond county, and of various other counties, by intelligent clergymen and eminent lawyers and editors; and for the further consideration of this case he invokes the advice of the educated, substantial, religious and law abiding element of this state."

DISGRACEFUL SCENES

In the Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath—Wild Disorder and Loud Cursings End in a General Fisticuff

Vienna, November 24.—The members of the lower house of the reichsrath today excelled themselves in producing the most disgraceful scene yet witnessed in that branch of parliament. The turbulence resulted from a motion that only one of a number of similar petitions against the ordinance making the Czech language co-ordinate with the German in Bohemia should be read and printed. This order of the government has the basis of the many uproarious scenes which have occurred for a number of weeks past, although the question of renewing the compact between Austria and Hungary, provisionally, at least, has been mixed up in all the bitter feeling manifested by the German and anti-German elements.

The members of the left party protested uproariously today against the motion referred to, stigmatizing it as "oppressive and illegal." Finally, the members of the lower house became so disorderly that the president of that body, Dr. Abrahamovics, was once more compelled to suspend the sitting, and he soon afterward left the house. His departure was the signal for a scene of the wildest disorder.

Dr. Wolff, the German nationalist leader, clambered up into the president's tribune, seized a heavy bell and swung it to and fro, materially increasing the disorder prevailing. The bell, however, was almost immediately wrenched from Dr. Wolff's hand by Deputy Polock.

While this incident was in progress challenges to fight duels, and showers of billingsgate and other insults were exchanged on all sides, until the interior of the house in every way resembled an inferno.
A number of young Czechs and Poles made a rush for the president's tribune and attempted to tear Dr. Wolff down from the position which he occupied, and they in turn were attacked by a number of leftists and a disgraceful scuffle was the result. This was only the beginning of the fighting. During the preliminary scuffling some of the young Czechs struck Dr. Wolff, and a regular pitched battle with fists followed, lasting for about a quarter of an hour.

Herr Schoenerer, the leader of a section of the German opposition, caught hold of and brandished over his head one of the ministers' arm chairs and was evidently about to hurl it at the heads of his immediate opponents when he was seized and disarmed by Herr Hagenhofer.

A Polish member, Herr Polacz, rushed upon another member, Herr Piereche, and nearly strangled him, when Piereche drew a penknife from his pocket and opened it, but he was disarmed by a colleague before any further harm was done. Herr Piereche was by that time so exhausted by the choking he had received at the hands of Herr Polacz, and was so overcome with excitement, that he fainted, still further adding to the sensation.

BUTLER'S DENIAL

Of the Charges Made Against Him as to His Language in the Rocky Mount Speech. His Denunciation of the Men Who Made Affidavits of Their Truth

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., November 24.—Senator Butler has a two column signed editorial in his paper this afternoon concerning his speech at Rocky Mount. Of the reports of it and the affidavits by a clergyman, a physician and a citizen that he said in effect that democrats would hire negroes to commit outrages, he says: "If they meant by their affidavit to say the strictures which we did use were directed against any save the agents and hirelings of Shylocks and monopolies, or that we used language, when taken in connection with the remainder of the speech, could in any way be construed as a charge that even the scoundrels, who help monopolies to rob the people, could stoop so low as to hire negroes to commit rape, then we brand such a statement as a base, malicious and perjured falsehood. The undersigned is personally responsible for this statement."

Popularity of Proposed Textile School

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., November 24.—The promoters of a plan for the establishment of a state textile school here in connection with the State Agricultural and Mechanical college, say that letters are pouring in from mill owners, expressing hearty sympathy with, and their interest in this movement. Some say they will send children to such a school, and some say they will give its graduates positions.

R. G. Gladstone is commissioned captain of the Reidsville Rifles. Revenue officers made a raid in Moore county today and captured a 75-gallon illicit distillery.
The counsel of state met late this afternoon to consider what should be done regarding John Evans. All petitions and affidavits were laid before the council by the governor and there was a discussion.

J. C. Berry, one of the best known citizens of Spencer, Mo., testifies that he cured himself of the worst kind of piles by using a few boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He had been troubled with piles for over forty years and had used many different kinds of so-called cures; but DeWitt's was the one that did the work and he will verify this statement if any one wishes to write him. R. R. Bellamy.

The Double Murder Trial at Tarboro

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., November 24.—State Chemist Withers returned today from Tarboro, where he gave evidence in a case against a white man named Alford, and a negro named Field, charged with poisoning one Keel. The evidence as to strychnine poisoning is clear. Field was on the witness stand today and swore Alford bribed him to give the poison, but did not say it was poison. But for the negro's testimony there is little positive evidence to connect Alford with the crime. The strange feature of the case is some of Keel's family give testimony of Alford's good character. Alford will be a witness in his own behalf. It is intimated that a woman is at the bottom of the crime.

"I don't know, there may be others," he said, but I have used "Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup" in my family and would not be without it." He knew better than to buy the inferior preparation that was being urged upon him. Parker's Tolu Cough Syrup has no equal. It will immediately relieve any cough or cold, Whooping Cough, Sore throat, Hoarseness, Croup, Bronchitis and kindred ailments. Contains no injurious ingredients, is pleasant to take and a safe remedy for children. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

Miss Mary M. Haywood on the Amateur Stage

(Special to The Messenger.)
Washington, D. C., November 24.—Mrs. Mary Manly Haywood, who, in addition to her official duties here, is teaching elocution, presented the comedy drama, "Led Astray," at Gonzaga hall last night to a large and appreciative audience. She was supported by a company of her pupils and others, including W. M. Barrow, Goldwin S. Patten and Miss Jeanne Haywood. Among her patrons were Judge Samuel E. Phillips, Colonel and Mrs. James E. Boyd, Dr. and Mrs. Walter C. Murphy, Dr. Howe, Dr. Croft, and many others.

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Mr. Fishblate's Assignment

In mentioning Mr. S. H. Fishblate's assignment yesterday morning, we should have said that his assets are larger than his liabilities. He says he will be able to settle his debts in full, and resume business shortly, if those who owe him will settle promptly. He has a large stock and after his creditors are satisfied he will still have a considerable stock left.

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The President's Cuban Policy

Washington, November 24.—It is understood that the president in his message will suggest to congress that it would be inadvisable at present to take any action which would complicate the situation in Cuba. It is said that he will suggest that the passage of resolutions recognizing belligerency or independence would be inexpedient while the measures of reform proposed by Spain and to be carried out by General Blanco are being introduced. The release of the Competitor and other American prisoners will be referred to as gratifying and relieving the United States from the necessity of intervention upon the ground of the protection of American life and property.

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THE NEXT CAMPAIGN

PREDICTIONS THAT IT WILL BE A VERY LIVELY ONE

Political Gossip—Caldwell Has the Case Against Chairman Wilson Docketed in Supreme Court—Loading the "Rolling Exposition"—Evangelist Bill Fife Claims to Have Had a Revelation of the Great Future—Petitions for Respite of Joan Evans

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., November 24. In the supreme court today A. C. Avery, of counsel for L. C. Caldwell, who is Governor Russell's appointee as chairman of the railway commission, made a motion to advance the case on the docket. Caldwell won the case in the court below, yet took the remarkable step of himself docketing it in the supreme court. Robert O. Burton, of counsel for James W. Wilson, whom Caldwell seeks to oust as chairman, said this morning that the question was raised whether Caldwell, the winner of the suit, had a right to bring an appeal at this term, when the defendant Wilson has a right to bring it to the next term, if he thinks proper.

Speaker Hileman, who wants to be congressman from the Seventh district, went home yesterday, after surveying the political field three days. He says he finds all three of the parties badly tangled. He declined to say whether he thought the populists would again fill with the republicans and declare they are "waiting to see whether the democratic state committee was going to do the fool thing." When asked what he meant by this he said "allow themselves to be dominated by the gold bugs." He made the boast of his belief that the "populists can whip the democrats," but declined to say whether he thought the former had gained or lost strength since the last campaign. He knows very well that the losses have been very great and that only a small force is now left.

The loading of the "rolling exposition" car is in progress here under the supervision of T. K. Bruner. The horticultural exhibit, specially prepared by Herbert Brimley, is superb, and the agricultural exhibit is the pick of all the fairs held this year in the state. Not many articles will be taken from the state museum, Mr. Bruner says; in fact, only duplicates or triplicates.

Robert W. Furman, editor of the new morning paper here, arrived today from Asheville. He thinks the next campaign will be a very lively one, and so it certainly seems. There are people who say the campaign has virtually already begun.

Raleigh will, no doubt, be the next place in the state to have a paid fire department. For years its volunteer department has had a deservedly high reputation, yet there are many reasons for having a paid department, although it will be more costly.

Rev. Dr. Rumble, of Salisbury, conducted the services at the funeral of Rev. Dr. Smith at Greensboro yesterday. There are to be no further indictments of delinquent taxpayers in the state until the test case made up by consent in Johnston county is settled by the supreme court.

Evangelist Bill Fife tells the people of Lexington that it has been revealed to him that unless the people of that place get on their knees in sackcloth and ashes, a plague will visit them within ninety days. A well known citizen says he ought to have waited until spring before making such a prophecy, so as to give the unfortunate people the benefit of warm weather.

Of the seventy-one railways and branches in this state, fifteen are in the southern system, fourteen in the Atlantic Coast Line, twelve in the Seaboard Air Line and thirty are miscellaneous. The road with least mileage in the state is the Danville and Western, which has only three-quarters of a mile; the longest the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley, with 331 miles; the next longest the Carolina Central, with 264 miles.

Great fires are raging in the mountains in McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey counties, where no rain has fallen in a month, and the vast slopes of Black Mountain, the loftiest peak east of the Rockies, are literally swept by fire.

Maxy L. John, one of the counsel for John Evans, of Rockingham, lays before the governor a number of affidavits and petitions for respite. Some other petitions also were filed yesterday and today.

In the arrangement of documents now in progress in the office of the state auditor all the letters are grouped according to years. Those from men prominent in the war of the Revolution have been specially arranged in a group. There are outgroup letters from George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Eberhard Aker Nash, Harrison, Brevard, Sumner, Gates, Jo. Martin, Blount, Caswell, Hewes, Rowan and many others. There is a letter from Cosmo di Medici, who was in the state military service. The North Carolinians, in the war returns, made his name Cosmo de Medecachy, and so it appears in the printed lists.

The report of the labor commissioner will show that there are twenty-two electric light companies in the state, eight telephone companies, thirteen telephone exchanges, seven electric street railways.

Warning.—Persons who suffer from coughs and colds should heed the warnings of danger and save themselves suffering and fatal results by using One Minute Cough Cure. It is an infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

Austrian Newspapers Confiscated

Vienna, November 25.—Five newspapers, including the Neue Freie Presse and the socialist organ, Arbeiter Zeitung, in addition to several provincial ones, have been confiscated for articles on Wednesday's proceedings in the reichsrath.

Count Badeni had interviews with Emperor Francis Joseph last night and this morning. Today's sitting was delayed while the carpenters built fences around the president's chair. While this was going on the assembled members indulged in animated discussions and jested about the "presidential cage."

The leaders of the opposition met this evening to decide what steps should be taken in view of the violation of the constitution, but no decision was arrived at.

MIDDLE-OF-ROAD POPULISTS

Meeting of the Organization Committee. People's Party Committee Asked to Meet With Them—The Features of the Platform for the Next Campaign

St. Louis, November 24.—After an all night session of the national organization committee representing the middle-of-the-road faction of the populist party, they re-convened today behind closed doors. This afternoon, W. Z. Steinberger, of Kansas, gave out the following address as having been unanimously adopted by the committee:

"Recognizing the importance of active aggressive work to the end of lining up all reformers for future campaigns, we, the national organization committee of the people's party, hereby call a meeting of said committee at the Laclede hotel, St. Louis, Mo., for January 12, 1898."

"To the end of restoring perfect harmony in the ranks of the party and effecting a more compact organization, we respectfully invite the national committee of the people's party to meet with us in conference on the above date, appealing to the patriotic sense of duty to aid us in restoring to its once splendid estate our party organization."

"Feeling it due to the members of the people's party to outline the objects of this call we submit the following:

"We recommend the holding of a national nominating convention on the first Wednesday in April, 1898."

"We recommend the holding of state conventions, at which delegates to the national convention shall be chosen, on the third Wednesday in March, 1898."

"We recommend that the nominations of congressmen be delayed until after the holding of the national convention."

"We recommend that the platform on which the contests for 1898 and 1900 be waged, should embody the following propositions:

"1. Absolute paper money, based upon every commodity and resource of the nation, a full legal tender, and redeemable for all dues to the United States."

"2. Free coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio; the coin debts of the United States payable in either at the option of the government."

"3. All money to be issued by the government and paid out direct to the people for services rendered, or to be loaned to them at a low rate of interest on safe security, and without the intervention of private banks, provided that the volume of the currency shall not exceed \$50 per capita."

"4. Government ownership and operation of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines."

"5. Opposition to alien ownership and holding of land for speculative purposes."

"6. Opposition to court-made laws."

"7. Opposition to trusts."

"8. We especially recommend the initiative and referendum and the imperative mandate."

SENATOR TELLER

Sees Slight Prospect for Any Financial Legislation at the Approaching Session of Congress—His Doubts as to any Encouragement Being Given the Cubans

Washington, November 24.—When asked today to give his opinion as to the probability of legislation affecting the currency during the approaching session of congress, Senator Teller, who has just reached the city said:

"I do not believe there will be any legislation looking to the substitution of bank notes for greenbacks and treasury notes, which appears to be the favorite method of currency reform, so-called, advocated by the supporters of the gold standard. I think it very doubtful whether the advocates of the change will agree upon the details of such legislation, and bankers will naturally hesitate to increase the issue of bank notes in sufficient quantity to take the place of the entire volume of greenbacks and treasury notes, especially in view of the fact that the redemption of bank notes must, to satisfy the demands of the currency reformers, be in gold."

Senator Teller said he considered it quite certain that the president would make some recommendation upon the currency problem to congress, but he was of opinion that the suggestion would be in general terms as in his inaugural message, and that the president would leave the details to congress.

The senator expressed doubt as to whether the administration would take any step looking to the encouragement of the Cubans in their war for independence. "I think," he said, "that congress can settle the Cuban question by recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cubans, and that should have been done long since. I believe the house will pass the senate resolution sent to it during the special session if that measure is brought before it, but it is quite doubtful whether it will be allowed to consider it at all."

Another Phase in the Durrant Case

San Francisco, November 24.—No credence is placed by the authorities here in the alleged confession of Blanthier, or Forbes, made in the Meridian, Texas, jail, just before his suicide that he murdered Blanche Lamont, and Minnie Williams, in addition to Mrs. Langfeldt. It is recalled, however, that at the time of the killing of Mrs. Langfeldt, about 18 months ago, the suggestion was advanced that Blanthier had murdered all three, it being claimed that there were certain points of similarity in the three murders. At the time of the Langfeldt murder, Durrant had already been in jail for a year and the police scouted at the idea of any one but the prisoner having committed the crimes. The alleged confession of Blanthier will probably prove a powerful weapon of defense in the hands of Durrant's attorneys who are utilizing every available pretext for delaying the execution of their client.

Weyler Would Have Ended the War in May

Madrid, November 24.—A review of the newspaper situation here shows that ten newspapers are hostile to General Weyler, while five are in his favor. Of the military organs, two support him and one oppose him.

General Weyler has written a letter to a friend in Malaga, saying he is prepared to support any political leader "to carry on the glorious heritage of Canovas," adding: "If I had been allowed to remain in Cuba the war would have been ended in May."

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KILLED WITH A STILETTO

TESTIMONY OF THE CORONER IN THE THORN MURDER TRIAL

The Body Shows a Knife Wound Under the Fifth Rib Which Penetrated the Heart. Thorn Possessed of Such a Weapon—A Number of Witnesses Examined in the Case Yesterday—Mr. Howe's Announcement of the Line of Defense—To Put the Crime on Mrs. Nack

New York, November 24.—The trial of Martin Thorn for the murder of William Guidensuppe was continued in the Queens county court today. A fortnight ago Mrs. Nack created a sensation by going on the stand and accusing Thorn of having killed her former lover, Guidensuppe. Since that time the defense has changed its base, and, as Mr. Howe said in court today, the defendant's lawyers will now endeavor to prove through Thorn as the principal witness that Mrs. Nack herself committed the crime.

The early part of today's proceedings was entirely taken up with evidence to prove the corpus delicti. Coroner Tuthill, during his examination, stated that the cause of death was a stab wound between the fifth and sixth ribs, which penetrated the heart. Later in the day the prosecuting attorneys, through a fellow barber of Thorn connected him with the possession of a stiletto, the blade of which was over six inches in length. The district attorney tried very hard to get this witness to testify that Thorn had spoken of his relations with Mrs. Nack and Guidensuppe, but lawyer Howe was equal to the occasion, and although Mr. Young was assisted by Mr. Olcott, and advised by Surrogate Weller in the formation of his question, the court invariably sustained Mr. Howe's objections.

Some of the witnesses examined today reside in Woodside, and they told of the visits of a gaily dressed woman who appeared in the vicinity of the cottage with a man in light colored clothes on the day of the alleged murder, June 25th. They had also seen a man wearing dark blue clothes about the house, and on the day in question he was seen by one witness to go in and out of the house frequently. Three of them identified Thorn as the man in dark clothes, and two of them identified photographs of Guidensuppe as being representations of the man who had worn the light suit.

None of them, however, had seen any traces of the latter after he had entered the cottage on that Friday morning. Lawyer Howe requested the court to have Mrs. Nack produced, in order that she might be identified by the witnesses. The request brought about a legal argument, and finally Mr. Howe was compelled to withdraw his request, compelling the sheriff to produce her. Mrs. Nack was brought into court, after the midday recess, looking much paler than when she appeared two weeks ago in the courtroom. The prisoner did not pay much attention to her, as he was deeply interested in the evidence which was being adduced at the time.

The morbid curiosity of the majority of the spectators was gratified at the afternoon session by the production in court of a piece of the bone of one of

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Guidensuppe's thighs, to which was attached some shreds of flesh. This ghastly exhibit was sealed in a glass jar, which was filled with a whitish preserving liquid.

Dr. O'Hanlan, the coroner's physician who had examined the different parts of the body, did not open the trunk, but Howe said it was unnecessary. The witness explained that he cut this portion off to show how minutely it fitted into the corresponding piece of the bone which protruded from the stump of the lower part of the trunk.

Police captain Stephen O'Brien, formerly in charge of the New York detective bureau, was on the stand for a considerable portion of the afternoon and told a great deal of what Thorn had said to him when the prisoner was being put through what is known among criminals as "the third degree." Thorn, at that time had denied all knowledge of the killing of Guidensuppe, but said he had driven Mrs. Nack to the Woodside cottage on Saturday, June 25th, in a two-seated wagon, for the purpose of bringing a bundle of carpets to the new house. Captain O'Brien also said when he was on the stand that Mrs. Nack, when she was arrested four days after the murder was alleged to have been committed, said: "Guidensuppe did not treat me right. I love Thorn and would die for him."

It was at this time that Mr. Howe said: "We say right now and will show that Mrs. Nack committed the murder, and what she said to the captain will bear us out."

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President's Financial Reform Measure

Washington, November 24.—The Evening Star today says: It can be stated on the highest authority that the president is going to recommend a plan for currency reform in his message, and further, that part of the message was written with the co-operation of Secretary Gage. It is authoritatively stated that "Secretary Gage is perfectly satisfied with the president's message in regard to financial legislation, and that it meets his entire views and support."

Further than this, it can be stated, on the same high authority, that the secretary of the treasury will submit to congress in his annual report the plan for currency reform which he submitted to the cabinet at its meeting on Friday, October 25th. The secretary intends to submit this report to congress almost identically as it was submitted to the cabinet, but with the exception that he will make some further recommendation, which, however, will not change materially the plan already announced.

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